

# Hobby

## Conversation Practices

### DIALOGUE 1

#### Discuss about your hobby, free time and interest

Danny and Dilla are having a chit-chat (have an informal conversation) about their free time activities, hobbies, and interest. These topics are very common for small talk. They just met two days ago when Danny found Anggun's USB in the library. They bumped into each other again and had a free time to have a conversation.

Danny : Tell me, what do you enjoy doing in your free time?

Dilla : I enjoy sketching, drawing and painting.

Danny : You know how to do all of those things? Dilla : Yes, I do.

Danny : When did you learn how to do that?

Dilla : I learned back in high school. My father is also a painter. He taught me how to draw when I was a kid. There was an extracurricular called The Painter's Club when I was in high school. I signed up and met more new friends who are interested in the same hobby. What is your hobby, Danny?

Danny : I love playing musical instruments like piano or guitar. I will be joining a musical concert this coming September.

Dilla : Wow! That must be really an exciting experience!

Danny : I'm doing rehearsal everyday in the city hall.

They are all very talented people just like you.

Dilla : Thank you very much. You are pretty talented too!

Danny : I wish we had the same hobby to spend together.

Dilla : Is eating counted as a hobby? If my friends ask what my hobby is. Eating is gonna be my best answer. We can go eat somewhere before going home.

Danny : Sure! Eating is also my hidden talent and most favorite past time. I think it has become everyone's hobby. Let's have dinner in that new Palembang restaurant.

Dilla : That sounds perfect. I will treat you this time.

Danny : You don't have to do that!

Dilla : It's okay. Thank you again for the USB. I thought it's already lost. I was so glad that you found it. It would be a different case if it's found by someone else.

Danny : No worries, Dilla.

## DIALOGUE 2

### Talk about hobbies in detail

Susan, Diana and Nadya are discussing about their hobbies. Both are students and having an English assignment. They need to compose an English dialogue. The topic assigned is hobby. They have prepared a voice recorder application in order to record the conversation. On Monday, the record will be submitted to their English teacher. They have been practicing for three hours before eventually coming up with a conversation. Susan and Diana will be talking in turns before Nadya joins the dialogue.

Susan : What kinds of things do you like to do?

Diana : I've always liked to sing.

Susan : I didn't know that you can sing until the school concert two weeks ago. Your voice is incredible!

Diana : I have been quite into singing since I was a kid but I do it every once in a while now. But, being in the final year of school have been occupied me with endless assignments, projects and exam preparation. As you know, we also need to find a university and prepare ourselves for the entrance exam.

Susan : That's true. Anyway, what kinds of music genre are you into?

Diana : I am really into pop songs. I also write some originals or compose my own melody and lyric.

Susan : You're such a gifted person. Did you take some sort of vocal class or something?

Diana : My mum teaches me how to sing. She is my vocal coach for so many years. She used to sing in an opera so when she retired,

she decided to open a singing school. Do you want to join?

Susan : You have got to be talented. Unfortunately, I  
have no talent like that.

Diana : Everyone has their own talent, I think. You  
are such a good dancer, right? I was so blown away by your performance  
on the last school concert.

Susan : Thank you. That was the moment when my parent saw me dance for  
the very first time.

Nadya is joining the conversation.

Nadya : What are you talking about?

Susan : We're talking about our hobby. Are there any hobbies you do?

Nadya : Sure! If I have time, I will go jogging or taking a walk. It's not only good  
for our health but also for my emotion.

Susan : Really? Why so?

Nadya : I'm a little ashamed to tell this but jogging or simply walking gives  
me time to  
talk to myself.

Susan : Do you talk to yourself?

Nadya : Yes, I think we all need this kind of ruminating session for ourselves.  
We think we know who we are until we talk  
to ourselves. I can sort of understand what my problems are and  
basically  
what I want for my life.

Susan : Wow, I never thought about that but I heard that it's good for our  
mental health. Moreover, you do it while jogging or  
walking. I think, I'm *gonna* try that.

Nadya : Just make sure that your voice volume is not audible to people around  
you.

They are all laughing as they think that talking in public can attract attention from  
people around.

Diana : I don't know if I will do that but I find singing is also a way for me to release my emotion. I'd better sing in front in public and choose songs that represent my feeling.

Nadya : I wish I had a good voice like you.

Susan : Me too.

## **Common Expression**

Aside from going to work or studying, many people enjoy a range of interesting activities in their spare time. You probably do too, so if you want to spark up a conversation and get to know someone, why not talk about your hobbies and interests? Here are some useful ways to discuss your pastimes in English:

1. One-way conversations are not fun or engaging. In fact, you

can come across as rude if you only speak about yourself, so try to ask a variety of questions when discussing your hobbies. Questions to practice include:

- What is your hobby?
- Are there any hobbies you do?
- What your favorite pastime?
- What do you usually do in your spare time?
- What do you get up to in your free time?
- What do you like doing?
- What sort of hobbies do you have?

You can also ask more direct questions if appropriate such as:

- Do you like watching football?
- Do you like playing volleyball?
- Do you enjoy biking?
- Have you ever been horse riding?
- Have you ever tried rollerblading?

2. As well as asking questions, you should also know how to talk about your hobbies.

Examples include:

- My hobby is....

- My hobbies are... (here you can list whatever you enjoy doing)
- At the weekend I....
- In the evenings, I usually...
- In my spare time I...
- In my free time I...
- When I get the time I...
- I enjoy...
- I'm into...
- My favorite pastime is...

3. The next thing you can do after initiating a conversation is to talk about hobbies in more detail. Once you feel comfortable talking about hobbies in English, you can then try and discuss them in more detail. Here are some phrases and sentences to practice:

- I like watching football. My favorite is English Football League.
- I love photography especially natural things like birds or sunsets
- I spend a lot of time watching TV. Game of throne is the TV series I love the most
- I spend a lot of time surfing the internet.
- I am really into swimming.
- I am keen on knitting.
- I am keen on reading book
- At the weekend, I enjoy going to the gym because it helps me to stay fit and healthy.
- In the evenings, I usually watch movies because I am a massive film fan.
- I'm into karate because it's a great form of self- defense.
- I like going to my reading club because it's a social activity.
- I'm fond of traveling. One of the best places

I've ever visited is Komodo Island.

4. Some people are confused on the different use between

like doing vs like to do. So, what is the difference?

- We use like + gerund (ing form) to talk about

general likes:

Example: I like fishing.

- We use like + infinitive to talk about more specific likes:

Example: I like to go fishing at the weekend.

5. You may also want to express how much you like or dislike certain activities. You can do this by saying the following:

- I quite like...
- I really like
- I'm really into...
- I'm interested in...
- I love...
- I enjoy... a lot
- I support...
- My favorite hobby is...

If you don't like something or are not interested in a certain hobby you can say:

- I don't like...
- I don't enjoy...
- I'm not into...
- I've never tried...
- I've no interest in...
- I hate...
- I can't stand...

6. If you've shared interests with someone, you may want to invite them to a certain club or activity – here's how:

- Art club is on every Wednesday at 7 pm, would you like to come?

- Would you like to come to art club on Wednesday at 7pm?
- Are you interested in coming to art club with me this week? It's on Wednesday at 7pm.
- We can go to art club together if you like?
- Why don't we go to art club together this week?

This section has shown you some expressions that you can apply and practice during a conversation particularly when discussing about your hobby, free time and interests, talking about hobbies in detail and expressing your likes/ dislikes. After reading and practicing the expressions provided in this section, you are expected to be more skillful either in imitating or conversing with your friends or colleagues. In order to test your comprehension and competence, the following part of learning tasks are given. You can check and compare your answers with the key answers' section provided in the final page of this module.